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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 16th at the Emergency Preparedness Center.

FINAL REMINDER

Did you remember to renew your membership in the Canton Amateur Radio Club and have sent in your dues, or personally gave your dues to Secy-Treas Art W8FEC, when you attended the club meeting ???

On December 1st. the new mailing list will be made up of all that have met their obligation and have faithfully sent in their dues. If you do not get the December issue of the FEEDLINE, then you are one that forgot. Don't miss out on the privileges and support your club.

10 YEAR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE

Yes, it has been authorized and the FCC has given the OK. This is not an automatic thing. It will be phased in gradually, by issuing the new 10 license on all new and renewal applications, so be sure and look at your expiration date. You now have a two year period to renew your license after it has expired, with out having to take the exam over. The date the FCC will start issuing the new 10 year license, has not been set as yet. It seems that all that is left to do, is tell the computer to add 5 years to the expiration date, but that may take till spring.

Is it that government red tape, or do they need a computer programmer to get the job done ??? Oh Well, we have waited this long.

CARC MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER

The new regime is in! Already they've made a change! The good seats are available before 7:30 PM now. Promises to offer more variety and less trivial business, were made by Numero Uno. That's a big bill to fill. Doubtless, some of you will be asked, to share your expertise with the rest of us. Scott KK8D, says expect discussion on emergency power generation at the next meeting.

After introductions, and there were over 40, we don't always get all the signatures. Bashful you guys and gals? We went to the financial report. Income exceeded expenditures for a change. Net balance about \$4573, and more dues came in during the meeting. We're up to 52 paid members now (32 Full, 7 Assoc and 10 Sust.) (Somebody is going to howl when they add those figures up!)

Minutes of last month's meeting were not read. You can blame Dave and Nelson for that (AYE & EAR). Apparently the Feedline is being read. Got a couple of compliments, too. Touche William, your one FB Editor.

We have around 14 potential Novices in class. "Experienced" late arrivals, have been added. Only lost one fellow so far. The gals are hanging in there - we've got five of 'em. One is the XYL of KA8RRA, and Mom of KA8RRB. The family that hams together.....

Scott discussed matters brought up at the Trustee's meeting, those described by JZN in last Feedline. We're going to ask members to fill in a short questionnaire, so we can determine where your interests lay. Our programs should reflect that interest. Those interests will be related to Amateur Radio, of course!!!

That second hamsite proposed at the E.O.C. (Emergency Preparedness Center) may become a reality yet. Mr. Umpleby, Disaster Chief, indicated that the room is available. However, security as pertains to the Sheriff's operations is mandatory. We may have access, only during club hours, but this is a matter for further discussion with the county commissioners, as is the solution to a problem of the location of the E.O.C.'s alternate communications site. Seems the Molly Stark location is desirable, but more than one agency, wants the space! Meantime the Brunnerdale station continues to be available.

Scott indicated a need to clean up the Brunnerdale activity. However, we're not sure whether it's a "ham shack" or a "ham" shack. You should see the mustard and ketchup out there - left overs from our Auction - Hamfest activities. Some maintenance is going to be performed so we can use the station for contests, too! Junque laying about will be made available for the Auction. That, incidently is scheduled for March 17th 1984 - five months hence. We've plunked down \$25 to hold the Grange again this year.

Got a ham friend who isn't a member of CARC? Have him join us. If you can't think of a selling point, better tell us what needs to be done to make our club more attractive.

Trustees felt no new equipment need be purchased this year. Can't really tell the difference between a signal from a Yaesu, or Collins, or Signal One. Must be the ability of the receiver section then, and the Omni is still doing a pretty good job. Incidently our C.D. is drawing 9.6% interest, versus 5.5% in normal savings account.

How about plaques for recognition for contest winners? Probably be for published scores in one of our favorite magazines. We'll have to come up with some criteria for this - thanks to Scott and Dave (AYE) for the suggestions.

A reply was received from North Canton re- Les Harper's W8CFJ's antenna. In essence it says "N.C. has not been, is not, and will not be concerned with regulation of the activities of Amateur Radio enthusiasts, but will be concerned with the safety, health and welfare of it's residents"... "When a structure is erected, we are obligated to determine if it is located to comply with set-back requirements, and constructed to comply with the building code. Beyond this, we have no interest."
AMEN !!!!!

Actually the business session was longer than the hoped for half-hour. Matters of transfer of responsibilities, y'know! Gary, now the Veep, says an inventory was made at Brunnerdale. That battery is still missing, otherwise not in bad shape, but what to do with that two meter SSB rig (ECHO II). Any ideas? It has limited capabilities but may fit into our emergency system somehow.

W8EAR Nelson, shared with us his love for sailing ships. (You ever see him down at Atwood??) Real beauties, those ships of yesteryear. Thanks Nelson for reminiscing back to the gala days of '76. Boy, a 150 foot mast!! With a six element beam on 15, over salt water!! Gee!!

Adjourned, unofficially about 9 PM. Donuts were on the move even before the movies ended. All clear at 9:15 PM. Felt like a short night, but used an hour and forty five minutes.

Informally, we heard that Dave WD8AYE, has offered to take over Public Relations from Rick KC8UQ. Sounds like a magnanimous gesture Dave !!!!!

Nope - it's still KA8TEB or KA8TDQ. Decisions, Decisions!!!

Bill, Sr. Ed., is going ahead with the request for mailing privileges. You'll get more information right from the horse's mouth soon.

Howzit possible? A dime donation for a chance at the October 73 magazine, and we collect \$3.95! Oh well, happy reading Art WD8MMG. W8LHY slipped this month. No longer leading that charmed life. Wouldn't it be nice if Mrs. Scott was deluged with birthday cards next February 1.

Bill has made available operating procedures for two meter repeater operation. Contact Secy for a copy.

Art W8FEC- Sec-Treas

NON-PROFIT MAILING

It took almost two years of correspondence, amending the by-laws twice and amending our Incorporation Papers with the State of Ohio, before the Internal Revenue Service finally agreed that we were in the Non-Profit status and that we complied with all their requests. Much to my surprise, it only took a little over a week, for the Cleveland office of the U.S. Postal Service, to officially give us the authorization, yes we finally accomplished the task. Now all that is needed to do, is pay the fee and get the permit number. We also need enough members to meet the minimum of 200 mailings, before the privilege can be used. It is now up to you members to do some recruiting. Only one half of the membership, have sent in their dues according to our Sec-Treas report. We needed about 30 more last year and did not have enough.

Anyway, the privilege has been granted, and will be available for the use of Canton Amateur Radio Club.

STARK COUNTY AMATEUR DIRECTORY

The club attending membership have previously voted the go ahead for a new updated directory, to be published in 1984. With the unlisted phone numbers, the call changes, when upgrading, Amateurs on the move into & out of the area, the newcomers just starting in our wonderful hobby, it is a difficult task and impossible to have 100% accurate. If you have any changes in your listing, or know of others that have moved, please contact Bill K8JZN on the air or drop a note, to see if he has the new change on his list. In going over the new phone book, there were about 40 that are not listed, so if they have moved and have not notified the FCC and have not sent in the new info, the listing will be according to what is listed in the Callbook, as there is no way to cross check for accuracy on the listing. Therefor your input is needed and appreciated.

At this time, there are 177 changes, additions and corrections. There are also many deletions of former Stark County hams that were listed as having moved out of the area, in the 1982 directory.

WHAT'S NEW

Recently, the FCC came out with rules against business communications thru autopatch facilities and phone patches. It caused more confusion than before. The FCC emphasizes that the routine public service activities, such as Walkathons, Parades, Eye Bank, Sky-Watch and the like, are still legitimate.

Voluntary exam program, whereby the Amateur Volunteer Teams will do all the examining for new licensees, is very active and they hope to start the program in early '84.

Volunteer observers for rules enforcement, is also being worked on, so this can start in '84. The "Privacy of Communications Rule, has been lifted for Amateur and CB operations. It is now legal to record and submit infractions of the rules, to the FCC for their action. This info can be sent to your Field Office. The Detroit office address is: Federal Communications Commission, 1054 Federal Bldg., 231 West Lafayette St., Detroit, Michigan 48226.

For license renewal, fill out current 610 form (obtainable from Detroit address above) and send in to the FCC, Box 1020, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325 along with a copy of your Amateur license. Do not send in to Detroit.

Grenada and the US have reciprocal agreement, but we do not have third party agreement, so take note if called.

With the FCC's plans to get out of the testing business as soon as the arrangements can be completed, they have announced their calendar for 1984 and have drastically reduced their schedule. Even at the Detroit office or any other office, exams will only be given once per quarter. Testing dates are February 6 thru 10, May 7 thru 11, August 6 thru 10, and November 5 thru 9. You must submit your 610 form at least a month in advance of this schedule. Remote testing, for Cleveland will be in March and September. So remember, the Field Offices will no longer give exams weekly as in the past.

EMERGENCY DRILL AT TMMC

On October 27th, the Disaster Planning Committee held a simulated disaster to practice their emergency plan. Results were very good and all agreed that the coordination was excellent. If it had been the real thing, the victims would have had fast and efficient treatment of their

wounds. The simulated disaster was a simulated plane crash with approximately 50 victims. Amateurs that provided radio communications, were Dave WD8AYE, Dick KC8OU and Harley W8ETK.

On Sunday October 30th, the Catholic Youth Center sponsored a Triathlon, which consisted of swimming 1/2 mile, biking 15 mile and then running 5 mile. 35 participants showed up for the challenge. Fortunately the swimming was held indoors. Amateurs that provided communications, were Dave WD8AYE, Terry N8ATZ, Jim WD8OIZ, Charlie K8BYC, and Art WD8MMG.

Then on November 2nd, the Massillon Community Hospital held a simulated disaster drill. Hank Kazee N8FAR and Dick Getz W8GJO, both work at the hospital, did the coordinating for communications. Do not have any other info on this drill.

SNOW BIRD HAS A NEW CALL

As most of you know, Warren KC8ON has the annual good sense to head for his winter home in the Bahamas. He has informed us, that he now has a new call for use at this home. He plans on setting up a schedule with some of the ham buddies back home in Stark County, so listen for him as C6ADR. How's that for a call.

AMATEUR RADIO RECEIVES NICE PUBLICITY

A small island and it's politics or troubles, located in the West Indies, resulted in excellent publicity for Amateur Radio, in October. With hundreds of American students attending Grenada St. George's Medical School and fearing the possibility of another possible Iran, the government, in a surprise move, "invaded" this island for the safety of the students. Evidence was found, that a plan was made to possibly hold the American students hostage.

The FCC was notified of the Grenada situation, and the importance of the Amateur radio operators keeping the State Department informed and of course bringing word to the anxious parents of the students, as to their safety and welfare. The FCC quickly authorized the Amateurs to operate in and out of the band, plus temporary third party permission. In the W5YI Report, Fred reported that the ARRL released the following news bulletin, "The FCC has high praise for radio amateurs and the role they played in the recent Grenada situation. The Commission waived some of its rules to facilitate communication by KA2ORK, Mark Barattella and other assisting operators on the island. In the Commission's words, (quote) 'At all times, the paramount interest of this agency, was the safety and welfare of the medical students on the Grenada campuses. Mr Barattella and the amateur operators assisting him, provided valuable services in relaying information as to the safety of the medical students and their families and to the general situation existing at the Grenada station' (unquote)".

An excellent article appeared in the USA newspaper, and Frank WD8AYB shared it with me. Bill Miller K4MM of Fairfax Station, Virginia, was featured in the story. The reporter went on and gave an excellent report telling all about amateur radio and the amateur operators, for the information of the uninformed public that did not know what amateur radio was all about. This reporter told that Ham Radio has become so global that it's the only hobby recognized by an international treaty. Also mentioned was Owen Garriott W5LFL and his upcoming space shuttle flight. It definitely was a wonderful publicity for ham radio.